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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TO ALTER FOUR CROSSINGS OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD AT MARANA, TANGERINE, CORTARO

DOCKET NO. RR-03639A-08-0037

CORTARO-MARANA IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND CORTARO WATER **USER'S COMMENTS TO STAFF REPORT**

Cortaro-Marana Irrigation District ("District"), through its undersigned attorneys, files these comments with relation to the above entitled proceeding and its Staff's Report.

By its Application, Union Pacific requests approval to alter four railroad crossings at public intersections in Pima County. Cortaro-Marana Irrigation District, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, operates an irrigation water delivery system in Pima County. As reflected in the Staff Report, the alteration of the four railroad crossings which are the subject of the current application are "part of the railroads double tracking effort for the Sunset Route across Arizona." This effort will also cross District facilities between the Cortaro Farms Road and Ina Road public crossings which are the subject matter of this application.

The crossing of District facilities is an essential aspect of the double tracking effort. The need to alter the public crossings at Cortaro Farms Road and Ina Road may not be

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necessary if the double tracking does not proceed due to a dispute at the crossings of District 2 facilities. Certainly the existence of double tracks impacts the railroad volume that can be anticipated in the area. 3 4 DATED this 8th day of October, 2008. 5 CURTIS, GOODWIN, SULLIVAN, 6 UDALL & SCHWAB, P.L.C. 7 8 9 Michael A. Curtis William P. Sullivan 10 501 East Thomas Road Phoenix, Arizona 85012-3205 11 Attorneys for Cortaro-Marana Irrigation District 12 13 14 PROOF OF AND CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 15 I hereby certify that on this 8th day of October, 2008, I caused the foregoing document to be served on the Arizona Corporation Commission by delivering the original and 16 thirteen (13) copies of the above to: 17 **Docket Control** 18 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington 19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 COPY of the foregoing hand delivered/mailed this 8th day of October, 2008 to: 21 Janice Alward, Esq. 22 Legal Division 23 Arizona Corporation Commission

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